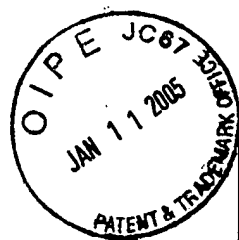


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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are represented by the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.